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SUBJECT:COLOMBIA KIDNAPPING - SITUATION REPORT NO. 3

1. NO WORD FROM KIDNAPPERS: THERE HAVE BEEN NO COMMUNI-
CATIONS FROM THE KIDNAPPERS AND THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE UN-
KNOWN. A COLOMBIAN MILITARY OFFICER HAS TOLD OUR
EMBASSY THAT THE FARC GROUP WHICH ABDUCTED STARR WAS
APPARENTLY PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN STEALING MONEY. THE
MILITARY OFFICER BELIEVES THAT THE BAND MAY PROCEED TO
A BASE AREA EIGHT TO TEN DAYS' MARCH AWAY. THE BAND
COULD USE JUNGLE TRAILS WHICH CANNOT BE OBSERVED FROM THE
AIR. THE OFFICER ESTIMATES THAT 15 TO 20 DAYS COULD
PASS BEFORE THE FARC TRIES TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE
COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT OR OUR EMBASSY.

2. COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT NAMES LIAISON OFFICIALS: THE
COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DESIGNATED SENIOR OFFICIALS
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OF THE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTRIES TO MAINTAIN LIAISON
WITH OUR EMBASSY IN BOGOTA. IT APPEARS THAT THE COLOMBIAN
ARMY WILL HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CASE, SINCE
THE KIDNAPPING TOOKPART IN A REMOTE AREA OUTSIDE OF
NORMAL POLICE JURISDICTION.

3. ADDITIONAL DETAILS: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS,

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A WITNESS TO THE KIDNAPPING SAID THE KIDNAPPERS PERMITTED STARR TO TAKE CLOTHING, A HAMMOCK, AND OTHER GEAR WITH HIM. STARR REPORTEDLY TOLD THE KIDNAPPERS OUR EMBASSY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS SAFETY BEFORE BEING LED AWAY. OUR EMBASSY IS PRESSING FOR A FULL REPORT FROM THE COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. CONTACT WITH FAMILY: THE TASK FORCE REMAINS IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH STARR'S FAMILY IN EDMONDS, WASHINGTON.
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